Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4

, 2014

RE:

S.B. No. 2540

S.D. 2

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist low-income and homeless individuals in obtaining affordable rental housing by establishing a Rental Deposit Loan Program within the Department of Human Services. Specifically, this Program will allow low-income and homeless individuals to obtain loans for the payment of rental housing security deposits and amounts owed for the payment of first month's rent.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Housing Hawaii, Community Alliance for Mental Health, United Self Help, EAH Housing Hawaii, and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services, PHOCUSED, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and Hawaii Association of REALTORS provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Clarifying that deductions taken from a security deposit shall only be taken to the extent permitted by the rental agreement;

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- (2) Clarifying that the tenant is responsible for providing notice to the appropriate legal agency or organization when a deduction occurs; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bil/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date:	
SB 2540, SD2, HD1	HUS/HSG, FIN		3/28/14	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	1			
6. ING, Kaniela				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.		建设的工程的 是		
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		\$ 4/3 - 10 min min - 1/2 m	-	no standarda
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.			27124894412864133446	1900 Strangular Control
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	[5			43
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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